



Committee Members

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Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety

Meeting Minutes
Telephone Conference Call
January 19, 2011
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Present members:

Ron Schmitt, Chair
Tim Sweeney, Vice-chair
Bill Rickard
Carl Weimer
Terrill Briere
David Taylor
Bob Beaumier-*new member-citizen*
Corey Herrick
Ruth Mabrey
Jody Morehouse
Rosalie Ann Lopez-*new member-industry*

Absent members:

Art Coulombe
Andrew Martonick

Other attendees:

Jim Fernald, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Alan Lundeen, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Marina Woodard, UTC Pipeline Safety Program
Brad Tower, Olympic Pipe Line
Ryan Paulsen, Dept. of Ecology
Dale McClary, Kinder Morgan

Agenda Items:

I) Welcoming Participants and Calling the Meeting to order

The meeting was brought to order by Ron Schmitt who welcomed all attendees. All participants introduced themselves. Ron described the agenda and the conference call process as a reminder to all participants.

II) Land use meeting update

Carl reported that a “Planning near Pipelines initiatives meeting” hosted by the UTC was held on January 12, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the pipeline representatives with an overview of the PIPA report and AWC grant efforts.

Further, Carl provided the overview on the following:

- Land use efforts. The Association Washington Counties (AWC), who in partnership with seven entities was awarded a \$50,000 Community Technical Assistant Grant (TAG) in September 2009. Their activities were focused in an effort to raise awareness among local governments regarding land use practices around pipelines, and to provide technical assistance to those local governments who expressed interest.
- Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA) Report. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) released a PIPA final report of Recommended

Practices on December 16, 2010. This report describes actions that can be taken by local government, transmission pipeline operators, property developers/owners, and community planners to enhance safety near transmission pipelines, and to better protect communities.

Carl stated that with the limited remaining grant time, the next step is to make sure that AWC moves forward with their efforts by providing available mini grants to local governments to assist them in writing land use ordinances.

In response to Bob Beaumier's question on the availability of the model ordinance, Carl referred Bob to MRSC's website, under "Planning near Pipelines." The site provides PIPA recommendations, model ordinances, and final ordinances that have been implemented by other communities.

Action:

- Carl will send copy of PIPA final report to Dave Taylor.
- Carl will send the link to the MRSC website on "Planning near Pipelines" to the committee.
- Committee agreed that land use topic and PIPA report will be further discussed at March meeting.

III) **Legislative update**

Alan Lundeen reported that the Dig Law Work Group met in December 2010. A preliminary draft bill was distributed for comment and many responses were received. An updated draft was prepared and shared with the commission. A few areas remain unresolved. A legislative sponsor (Rep. Dean Takko) has agreed to sponsor the bill and have it referred to his committee. Brad Tower stated that once a bill is dropped, copies will be made available.

Bob Beaumier voiced that he had concerns with the earlier draft bill. Brad Tower and Alan both shared that his comments had been received and that several of his suggestions were incorporated in the updated draft.

Action:

- Once available, Alan will forward a copy of the updated bill to committee members and dig law distribution group. Recipients may respond with any additional comments.
- Bob expressed the desire for the committee to consider supporting the bill. Tim agreed and suggested that there needed to be further discussion on how the committee will express their support.

IV) **Public Comments**

No public comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.